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FINANCIAL REPORT.

The Selectmen submit the following:

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

No. of Polls, 629; Real Estate—value, $723,688; No. of Carriages, 50—value, $4,084; No. of Horses, 605—value, $32,764; No. of Cattle, 2,048—value, $46,092; No. of Sheep, 1832—value, $5,280; No. of Swine, 48—value, $354; Stock in Trade, $59,476; Money at Interest, $66,610; Mills—value, $19,360; Dogs, 80.

AMOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED.

For State Tax,	1881,	$2,164 00
County Tax,	"	4,548 42
Town Tax,	"	3,007 06
School Tax,	"	2,280 52
Highway Tax in labor,	"	3,500 00
School House Tax in Dist. No. 1.	"	600 00
" Tax Dist. No. 1, Extra,	"	800 00

No. of District,	No. of Scholars,	School Money
1	193	1,009 16
2	15	122 80
3	29	139 64
4	29	115 19
5	12	92 18
6	27	170 61
7	10	83 02
8	17	93 10
9	37	156 66
10	8	62 24
11	8	72 89
14	7	57 97
15	13	80 44
Dalton	6	18 91
S. A. Way		2 31

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1882.

Notes and Bonds including Interest,	$33,822 34
Due O. F. Bothell, Collector for 1880,	25 00
Due C. W. Chessman, Collector for 1881,	25 00
	$33,872 34

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	$4,839 36
Amount due from O. F. Bothell, Collector, 1880,	118 14
" C. W. Chessman, " 1881,	200 00
Wm. Boswell Homestead,	875 00
Fire-proof Safe,	200 00
Amount of Liquor on hand,	170 43
Real Estate sold for taxes in 1876 and deeded to Town,	205 08
Notes and Accounts in hands of Cemetery Com.,	463 36
A. Stillings, Note,	56 64
Balance against the Town,	$26,744 33

We find the following sums will be required to meet the liabilities of the town for the ensuing year, without reducing its indebtedness, and without making any provision for Highways and Bridges:

State Tax for 1882,	$2,164 00
County Tax,	3,790 48
Interest on Bonds,	1,482 00
For Schools,	2,073 50
Town Officers,	800 00
Support of Paupers,	700 00
Fire Department,	500 00
	$11,509.98

E. SPAULDING,
E. V. COBLEIGH,
S. R. CHESSMAN,
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

REPORT

—OF THE—

OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

For the Year Ending March 1st, 1882.

AMOUNT OF MONEY RECEIVED.

Received from Town of Stratford,	$ 7 90
" Coos County,	107 76
" Town,	710 25
	$825 91

AMOUNT PAID OUT.

Paid for support of Town Poor, 1880,	$ 11 00
" " " " 1881,	814 91
	$825 91

CHAS. S. HODGDON,
Overseer of the Poor.

March 1, 1882, We have settled the foregoing account with Chas. S. Hodgdon, Overseer of the Poor, and find the same to be correct as above stated.

E. SPAULDING,
E. V. COBLEIGH,
S. R. CHESSMAN,
} Selectmen of Lancaster.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

DAVID W. SMITH Treasurer for 1880, Dr.

Money on hand on settlement of Mar. 1, 1881,	$4,064 77
March 8, Rent paid by J. Colby on School lot,	1 50
	$4,066 27

CREDIT.

Mar. 1, 1881, paid Auditors,	$ 12 00
Paid K. B. Fletcher Town Bond and Interest,	504 25
for lighting bridge,	6 50
L. B. Porter Town Note and Interest,	409 65
for Sheep killed by dogs,	31 00
for Work on Highway,	36 32
Supervisors of Elections,	72 00
for Printing,	12 00
for services of Selectmen,	26 00
Interest on Bonds,	51 25
over to Mr. Griswold, his successor,	2,905 30
	$4,066 27

Settled as above, Feb. 28, 1882.

WM. HEYWOOD, }
WM. F. SMITH, } Auditors.

CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, Treasurer for 1881, Dr.

Mar. 19, To cash paid him by D. W. Smith former Treasurer,	$2,905 30
Cash of O. F. Bothell, Collector for 1880 and before,	2,701 40
Mar. 23, Cash of J. C. Lovejoy for Bonds,	1,100 00
" 31, " Mrs. M. D. F. Plaisted, for Bonds,	1,000 00
Apr. 1, of C. W. Leavitt for Bonds,	600 00
" " of W. E. Bullard Sec. of Cemetery Com.	8 40
" 21, of Rebecca Leavitt on Bond,	100 00
" 30, of J. Sheridan rent School lot,	4 50
Aug. 29, of Selectmen State Bounty,	13 00
Dec. 14, of State Treasurer, Railroad Tax,	123 72

" " " " Savings Bank Tax,	699 78
" " " " Literary Fund,	182 75
Jan. 7, 1882, of J. Colby, rent on School lot,	1 50
" " of Owen Shannon, rent School lot,	6 00
Feb. 27, of Selectmen for Liquor sold,	12 25
" " of C. Chessman Collector for 1881,	13,757 13
" " of Selectmen License Money,	38 00
" " of the Railroad Money to damage to Hopkins,	45 00
	$23,298 73

CREDIT.

1881, Paid J. M. Rowell, Treas., County Tax,	$4,548 42
Paid Overseer of the Poor for services,	85 00
Overseer of the Poor for support of Paupers,	721 65
for Damages on Highways,	56 48
for expenses of Fire Department,	450 39
for return of Births and Deaths,	22 75
Lawyers' Fees for 1878-9 and 1880,	8 00
for services of Selectmen,	268 50
for Stationary,	52 71
for Sheep killed by dogs,	20 00
for services of Superintending School Com.	96 08
for Printing,	20 50
Orders for Taxes Abated,	235 64
for Support of Poor at Ayslum for Insane,	163 93
Supervisors of Elections,	88 50
State Tax 1881,	2,164 00
Cobleigh, Kent & Co. for goods,	12 20
for Drain Tile,	121 32
for Repairs on Boswell Place,	69 64
Bounty on Hawks,	60
Express on money to State Treasurer,	1 15
for Work on old Cemetery,	7 00
Savings Bank for Cemetery, note,	1,208 40
for Writing done for the Town,	6 00
for Repairs on Hearse,	3 50
Jailors Fee's,	12 50
for Medicine furnished Board of Health,	2 25

Health Officers,	49 00
Town Clerk for Recording,	110 28
for Surveying Roads,	18 28
Collector for 1881,	125 00
Treasurer "	50 00
the several School Districts,	2,277 12
Extra to School District No. 1,	1,400 00
Services of Police,	61 85
for Work on Highway in 1878-9 1880 & 1881	827 69
for Books for Treasurer,	2 80
C. E. McIntire for Recording,	19 50
Bonds, Notes and Interest,	3,070 74
By Balance of money on hand,	4,839 36
	$23,298 73

February 28, 1882, We have examined the foregoing account and find it correct as above stated.

WM. HEYWOOD,
WM. F. SMITH. } Auditors.

DEBIT.

Feb. 28, 1882, Balance in the hands of Treas.,	$4,839 36
Mar. 1, Cash paid by O. F. Bothell Collector,	205 08
" " " " "	13 51
	$5,057 95

CREDIT.

Mar. 1, To Amount paid O. F. Bothell, bids for Real Estate sold Town for Taxes,	$205 08
Paid Abatement of Taxes,	13 51
Auditors,	7 00
O. F. Bothell Services as Collector, 1880,	165 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	4,667 36
	$5,057 95

March 2, 1882, We have made a further settlement with the Treasurer as above stated.

WM. HEYWOOD,
WM. F. SMITH, } Auditors.

REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL

COMMITTEE.

REPORT.

To the voters of the town of Lancaster: We herewith submit the Statistical Report of the Schools for the year 1881. While we deem it inexpedient to institute comparison between the different districts, and unwise as well as unjust to criticise the methods of teaching employed by the teachers with a view to the promotion of interest in their studies, still we feel the necessity of urgently calling the attention of parents and voters to grave defects in the management of the schools which ought to be remedied.

One of the greatest hindrances to the usefulness of a school is the careless selection of a prudential committee. It is not sufficient that a committee be noted solely as a sharp financier.

There should be more interest taken in the scholarship and other urgent matters which need thoughtful consideration. We regret to say that in only one district outside of the Graded School have the prudential committee visited their schools during the past year. This is a great injustice to the teachers; for no school can be well managed where the committee are so indifferent to their responsibility.

There should be also a more systematic course of studies. At present the districts are run hap hazzard. No efforts are made to secure uniformity in text books, although five years ago there was adopted by the town a series of readers, in 1879 an arithmetical text book, and in 1880 a geography. We earnestly recommend the immediate disuse of several readers and other text books, and the adoption of the text books used in the Graded School by scholars of the same grade. This would simplify the work of the teachers and give a tone to the mental life of the scholars and teachers. Until this uniformity of text books is adopted there can never be attained the results desired of the best scholarship possible in a district school education.

Another serious defect which requires to be remedied is the lack of co-operation between the superintendent school, and prudential committees. No teacher should ever be hired and then sent to the superintendent committee for examination. This has occurred during the past year, and one of the schools was severely crippled.

It gives the committee great pleasure to call your attention to the faithfulness with which the teachers have discharged their duties. The past year the town has been fortunate in its teachers, and they deserve heartfelt thanks for the earnestness they have displayed in their calling.

If the voters and prudential commitees will see to the proper management of the schools and adopt a uniform series of text books, and endeavor to retain their teachers when found worthy of their position, there is no reason why the district schools should not compare favorably with the Graded School—even with the disadvantage of a smaller number of pupils.

Lancaster, Mar. 2, 1882.

JAS. B. MORRISON,
JARED I. WILLIAMS, } Committee.

Amount of Money and No. of District.	Names of Teachers.	Terms of School.	Wages per Month.	Expense per Term.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.
No. 1.	Mary E. Minter,	1st 13 w	83 33	$622 92	53	50
$1009 16	Ellen J. Drew.		36 00		44	39
Ex. 600 00	Mary E. Rogers.		36 00		53	49
	Mary S. Aldrich,		36 00		61	49
	M. A. Grannis,	2d 11 w	40 00	$407 00	36	34
	Carrie B. Hale,		36 00		48	43
	Mary E. Rogers,		36 00		56	46
	Mary S. Aldrich.		36 00		85	63
	M. A. Grannis.	3d 9 w	40 00	$333 00	33	32
	Carrie B. Hale,		36 00		49	43
	Mary E. Rogers.		36 00		54	50
	Mary S. Aldrich.		36 00		82	70
No. 2,	*Lizzie J. Woodward.	1st and 2d			10-10	9-8
122 80	* " " "	part of 3d				
	*Almer McNoll.	" " "			4	3
No. 3,	Ada Ockington.	1st8 1-2 w	20 00	42 50	20	18
139 64	Mary E. Noonan,	2d 11 w	24 00	66 00	18	16
No. 4.	Jennie S. Nevers,	1st 10 w	12 00	30 00	27	22
115 19	Annie C. McGary,	2d8w 3d8	20 00	80 00	29	27
No. 5.	*Jennie Black.	1st 10 w			8	6
92 18	* " "	2d 12 w			15	15
No. 6.	Helen E. Howe.	1st 8 w	15 00	30 00	22	15
170 61	Georgia E. Savage,	2d 8 w	16 00	32 00	23	16
	E. A. Rhodes,	3d 9 w	30 00	67 50	22	19
No. 7.	Irene A. Stockwell,	1st 6 w	26 00	39 00	11	10
83 12	" " "	2d 9 w	26 00	56 50	11	9
No. 8.	Clara M. Chessman,	1st 11 w	10 00	27 50	15	12
93 10	Charles E. Dodge.	2d 8 w	30 00	60 00	22	20
No. 9.	Lois C. Howe,	1st 5 w	14 00	17 50	31	26
156 66	Isabel Gardiner.	2d 10 3d 10	16 00	80 00	33-35	31-30
No. 10.	Ada M. Clark.	1st 8 w	22 00	44 00	9	8
62 24	" " "	2d 10 w	22 00	55 00	8	7
No. 11.	Clara M. Chessman.	1st 10 w	13 00	42 50	12	8
72 89	" " "	2d 10 w	13 00	42 50	12	8
No. 14.	*Helen M. Howe.	1st 6 w			9	8
57 97	Lizzie J. Woodward.	2d 12 w	12 00	36 00	8	6
No. 15.	Julia L. Ellis,	1st 10 w	16 00	40 00	13	11
80 44	" " "	2d 10 w	18 00	45 00	22	21

* Imperfect Register.

Expense per Scholar.	Reading.	Spelling.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	History.	Penmanship.
$2 94 or 22 1-2c per w	40	53	42	0	53	42	41
	44	44	44	44	44	0	44
	53	53	53	53	0	0	53
	61	61	44	0	0	0	0
1 81 or 16 1-2c per w	36	36	36	0	36	36	36
	48	48	48	48	0	0	48
	56	56	56	56	0	0	56
	85	85	0	0	0	0	0
1 52 or 17c per w	33	33	33	0	33	33	33
	49	49	49	49	0	0	49
	54	54	54	54	0	0	54
	82	82	50	0	0	0	0
	10-10	8-10	4-4	3-2	2-1	0	4-4
	4	4	4	4	2	2	3
2 12 1-2 or 25c per w	20	20	13	6	3	1	14
3 66 or 33 1-3c per w	18	18	17	7	6	1	16
1 11 or 11c per w	25	24	20	8	0	0	6
2 99 or 18c per w	29	29	24	7	0	0	24
	7	8	6	4	1	1	5
	15	15	12	8	3	3	13
1 36 or 17c per w	22	15	14	8	8	3	4
1 39 or 17 1-2 c per w	23	23	15	7	7	5	23
3 07 or 34c per w	22	21	17	8	8	4	3
3 54 or 60c per w	11	11	11	5	4	1	11
5 13 or 57c per w	11	11	11	5	4	1	10
1 83 or 16 3-4c per w	14	14	9	6	3	2	5
2 73 or 34c per w	22	22	16	4	5	3	8
35 1-2c or 7c per w	31	30	23	11	1	2	0
2 35 or 12c per w	33-35	30-32	28-28	15-13	8-10	9-11	26-25
4 88 or 60c per w	9	9	4	3	0	0	3
6 87 1-2 or 68c per w	9	9	4	3	0	0	3
5 31 or 53c per w	12	12	9	7	1	2	9
5 31 or 53c per w	12	12	9	7	1	2	9
	9	9	7	6	1	2	7
4 50 or 37c per w	8	8	7	6	0	2	7
3 07 or 30c per w	13	13	12	4	1	1	6
2 04 or 20c per w	22	22	21	13	3	1	8